

JOHN M. PRATT.

JANUARY 19, 1904.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. McLAIN, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 3435.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3435) granting an increase of pension to John M. Pratt, have considered the same and respectfully report as follows:

John M. Pratt, of Laclede, Mo., was a corporal in Company N, Second Regiment Missouri Mounted Volunteers, and served from August 11, 1846, to September 27, 1847, in the war with Mexico. For this service he was granted a pension of \$8 per month under the Mexican-war pension act of January 29, 1887, and this allowance was subsequently increased to \$12 per month upon proof of dependence and inability to earn his support by manual labor.

The papers accompanying the bill show that claimant is 76 years old, wholly incapacitated for labor, and with no property or income aside from his pension.

There are many precedents for the proposed legislation, and in view of the claimant's advanced age and necessities the passage of the bill is respectfully recommended.